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Re: Application No. 10/676,914
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Subject: **RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Following addresses the issues raised in your office action on above referenced application:

- 1) Claim 2 has been cancelled as it did not further limit claim 1 per your suggestion.

As a result, claims 3 and 4 have been appropriately amended.

- 2) Claims 9, 10 and 11 have been amended to specify that the bases, the solvents and the temperatures referred to respectively are the ones used in the condensing process of preparing the compound of Formula I. The specific entities have been called out in the amended claims and should properly address your rejection.

3) No new matter has been added in claim 7 by including the trimethylsilyl group.

You will find this material on Page 9, line 12 of the filed application. Also moreover, please note that the trimethylsilyl group was included in original submitted claim 1. where $R=H$, any carboxyl protecting group or a silyl group.

4) Abstract has been amended to describe the process steps of the inventive processes and hence state what the processes actually consists of.

Respectfully submitted,



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encl: 1) Claims listing
2) Amended Abstract